

Building the State's New Economy Infrastructure

New research buildings at USU and U of U open up opportunities for growth

One of the major goals of the USTAR initiative, as set forth in legislation passed in 2006, was to build two new state-of-the-art research facilities. The building at USU was completed on time, within budget. The U of U building is on schedule and within budget. Both facilities strive for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification and will be among the most sustainable, energy-efficient research centers in the nation.

BiolInnovations the focus at USU



The USTAR BiolInnovations Building opened in December 2010 and houses advanced nutrition, veterinary and other life science research efforts.

This 110,000 square-foot facility includes a Bio Safety Level 3+ laboratory, life science laboratories, and a clinical nutrition center. No

other non-military building in the state has this level of Bio Safety capability, and USU has already received inquiries from industry regarding potential projects to utilize its expanded capabilities.



Some 800 construction workers were employed in the second half of 2010 working on the two USTAR construction projects.

Innovation-based economic development

Impact: Both buildings will not only further USTAR research efforts but also attract millions in out-of-state funding.

USTAR focus areas:

1. Diversify Utah's economy with high quality jobs
2. Build Utah's innovation infrastructure
3. Recruit & grow world-class research talent
4. Commercialize technology and promote innovative entrepreneurship statewide

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World-class nanotechnology on the rise at the U

At the U of U, the 208,000 square-foot James L. Sorenson Molecular Biotechnology Building - a USTAR Innovation Center - should be complete in 1Q2012. The center will include one of the world's most advanced nanofabrication facilities, and will draw global attention to Utah's strengths in biomedical devices and medical imaging. The building is projected to drive large increases in out-of-state research funding in the decades to come.

